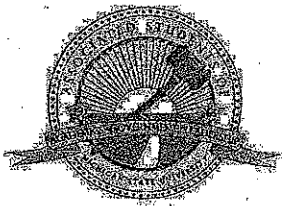


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Medical Amnesty Proposal Package



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911 - It's that easy to be a Good Samaritan!

WHAT IS IT?

- A medical amnesty policy would protect those who call for emergency medical help for a victim of alcohol poisoning. Similar legislation (HB4876) passed in the Michigan House of Representatives by a large margin of 98 Yeas to 7 Nays last session.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- 75,000 alcohol-attributable deaths occur each year in the United States, 536 of these occurring in MI during the last year (and this number is only a record of automobile related)
- People are reluctant to seek help in such alcohol related emergencies because of potential judicial consequences. The most common reason people cite for not calling 911 for help when they witness an overdose is fear of police involvement.
- 64% of MSU students surveyed said they would not call 911 in case of a medical emergency because they feared legal and university prosecution.
- The legislation does not protect people from prosecution for other alcohol related offenses including disorderly conduct, property damage, assault, and providing to minors.

IMPACT OF SIMILAR ENACTED POLICIES:

- Similar policies on other campuses such as Cornell University have increased calls to Emergency Medical Services by 45%.

PURPOSE / GOALS OF ASMSU POLICY INITIATIVE:

- To establish a University recognized medical amnesty policy that encourages students to seek medical attention in the event of an emergency, especially those involving alcohol poisoning and sexual assault.
- To increase the likelihood that students will call for help in alcohol-related medical emergencies and thus prevent unnecessary health consequences
- To increase the likelihood that students treated for alcohol-related medical emergencies will receive a brief psycho-educational intervention at the university health center as a follow-up to their medical treatment
- To guarantee University judicial amnesty to students who call 911 for help when it is needed in an effort to save students' lives and **promote health, safety, and responsibility on campus.**

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Michigan State University Student Health Assessment

MSU Statistics provided by Olin Health Center: **MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY STUDENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT: JULY 2010:** by:
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-Please reference the attached tables for more detailed statistics

-This research supports the anecdotal evidence that some students are
resistant to seeking help because of the potential legal ramifications.

-The full study can be viewed at
<http://www.ippsr.msu.edu/NCHA/Results.htm>

-Conducted for Olin Health Center and the American College Health
Association by the Office for Survey Research, a division of the Institute for
Public Policy and Social Research, Michigan State University.

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TABLE 7. Percentage of Respondents Who Used Various Kinds of Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco in the Past 30 Days: 2010

In past 30 days, on how many days did you use:	n	Never	Not in Past Month	1-2 Days	3-5 Days	6 or More Days
Cigarettes	1,463	61.8	20.8	6.3	2.9	8.2
Tobacco from a hookah	1,462	62.8	29.8	5.2	1.0	1.2
Cigars	1,462	64.3	28.1	5.1	1.4	1.2
Smokeless tobacco	1,453	82.9	11.9	1.4	1.1	2.7
Alcohol (beer, wine, liquor)	1,449	15.4	10.3	16.1	19.0	39.3
Marijuana	1,459	61.0	22.8	6.1	1.8	8.4
Cocaine	1,458	94.3	5.0	0.3	0.1	0.3
Methamphetamines	1,461	97.3	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
Other amphetamines	1,457	92.2	4.7	1.4	0.6	1.1
Sedatives	1,462	93.8	3.8	0.9	0.5	0.9
Hallucinogens	1,463	93.3	5.4	1.0	0.2	0.2
Steroids	1,458	98.9	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.2
Opiates	1,462	97.2	1.7	0.6	0.3	0.2
Inhalants	1,462	97.9	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.4
MDMA	1,459	94.6	4.6	0.3	0.2	0.2
Other club drugs	1,458	98.3	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
Other illegal drugs	1,460	94.5	4.0	0.6	0.5	0.5

TABLE 8. Percentage of Respondents Who Used Various Drugs, Alcohol or Tobacco in Past 30 Days, by Background: 2010

Substance	% Who Answered 1 or More Days											
	% 1-2 Days	% 3 or More Days	GENDER		RACE		RESIDENCE		CUMULATIVE GPA			STUDENT STATUS
			Female	Male	White	Other	On	Off	A	B	C/D/F	Under Graduate
Cigarettes	6.3	11.1	14.4	20.7*	19.5	11.3*	15.1	18.8	14.0	20.2	23.4*	19.9
Tobacco from a hookah	5.2	2.2	5.7	9.5*	8.3	5.0*	9.6	6.1*	5.5	9.3	10.3*	9.7
Cigars	5.1	2.5	2.7	13.2*	8.7	4.7*	9.1	6.7	5.6	8.6	13.1*	9.2
Smokeless tobacco	1.4	3.8	1.2	9.8*	5.7	4.0	5.2	5.2	2.6	6.9	10.3*	6.6
Alcohol (beer, wine, liquor)	16.1	58.2	72.0	77.6*	79.5	59.6*	61.3	82.5*	73.2	78.1	69.0*	75.9
Marijuana	6.1	10.2	13.3	19.8*	19.2	7.9*	16.4	16.2	12.9	19.3	22.1*	20.7
Cocaine	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.5	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.1	1.0	2.1*	0.9
Methamphetamines	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.9*	0.0	1.8	0.9	0.1*	0.1	0.5	2.1*	0.4
Other amphetamines	1.4	1.7	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.4	2.5	3.5	2.0	4.1	4.8	3.6
Sedatives	0.9	1.4	1.4	3.4*	2.7	1.3	2.0	2.7	2.6	1.9	3.4	2.5
Hallucinogens	1.0	0.3	0.4	2.4*	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.2	0.4	1.5	4.8*	1.7
Steroids	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.7*	0.1	1.3*	0.9	0.1*	0.0	0.3	2.8*	0.5
Opiates	0.6	0.5	0.1	1.9*	0.6	2.1*	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.7	2.8	1.3
Inhalants	0.2	0.5	0.1	1.5*	0.5	1.6*	1.4	0.4	0.4	0.7	3.4*	0.9

TABLE 11. Percentage Distribution How Often Respondents Who Partied Took Various Steps to Drink Responsibly: 2010

During the last 12 months, if you partied, how often	Always	Most of the Time	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	n
Alternated non-alcoholic with alcoholic beverages	6.8	18.4	30.7	23.3	20.8	1,216
Determined in advance not to exceed a set number drinks	13.1	22.5	25.5	19.3	19.7	1,222
Chose not to drink alcohol	3.2	13.2	46.3	24.9	12.4	1,240
Used a designated driver	62.5	19.1	9.1	4.4	5.0	1,208
Ate before/during drinking	32.8	46.0	17.2	2.7	1.4	1,219
Have friend let you know when you've had enough	14.2	16.4	20.4	20.5	28.5	1,207
Kept track of how many drinks were having	30.1	32.8	17.9	12.1	7.0	1,220
Paced drinks to 1 or fewer per hour	8.8	14.8	26.9	27.2	22.3	1,217
Avoided drinking games	16.3	15.5	24.5	23.8	19.9	1,236
Stayed with same group of friends	44.1	41.9	10.4	1.8	1.8	1,219
Stick with one kind of alcohol	12.0	39.9	35.0	9.7	3.4	1,215

TABLE 12. Percentage of Respondents Who Partied Who Always or Usually Took Various Steps to Drink Responsibly, by Background Characteristics: 2010

During the last 12 months, if you partied, how often did you	Alternate Alc. & Non-Alc. Drinks	Determine Drink Limit Ahead	Choose Not to Drink	Use Designated Driver	Ate Before/ During Drinking	Have Friend Tell When Had Enough	Track How Many Drinks	Paced Drinks \leq 1 Per Hour	Avoid Drinking Games	Stay with Friends	One Kind of Alcohol
Gender											
Males	19.8*	29.7*	12.7*	76.9*	75.1*	24.4*	56.8*	15.2*	26.3*	79.1*	48.1*
Females	29.9	40.6	19.8	86.1	82.1	36.1	68.6	30.9	36.7	92.1	55.8
Race											
White	24.7	30.5*	14.6*	84.5*	78.8	29.1*	61.0*	20.1*	26.9*	86.8	52.1
Other	27.1	52.5	22.6	71.7	79.0	35.7	70.1	35.3	47.9	83.0	51.1
Age											
18-19	26.6*	39.0*	22.9*	88.0*	75.3	39.3*	65.4*	15.6*	20.4*	85.7	53.1*
20-21	22.1	32.1	13.6	86.3	79.7	32.4	57.4	13.4	19.4	86.2	47.4
22-23	17.2	30.7	12.5	77.0	80.5	24.6	57.5	28.6	29.1	83.4	43.7
24 or older	35.9	42.1	17.8	70.5	79.7	23.2	74.1	46.0	67.8	87.9	65.3
Residence											
On campus	29.4*	42.3*	24.6*	83.2	77.6	39.7*	67.5*	20.9	30.8	85.8	56.2*
Off campus	22.9	31.8	12.0	80.6	79.4	25.7	60.5	25.0	32.4	86.1	49.6
GPA											
A	27.3	37.1	17.3	79.9	79.7	28.8	67.9*	29.9*	40.8*	86.6	55.0
B	23.2	33.5	15.1	83.1	79.2	31.3	58.8	18.1	22.8	85.3	49.3
C or less	23.5	37.5	16.8	83.2	72.0	39.0	59.7	16.7	25.8	88.1	50.0
Member of Fraternity or Sorority											
YES	19.8	21.4*	10.8	86.9	79.5	31.5	56.2	10.7*	13.1*	79.4*	45.0
NO	26.0	37.2	17.4	81.0	78.7	30.6	63.8	24.8	33.5	86.7	52.6

* $p(\chi^2) < .05$

TABLE 13. Percentage of Respondents Who Drink Who Report Experiencing Various Health Threatening Consequences of Their Drinking Within the Last Year, Overall and by Background: 2010

Within the last 12 months, have you experienced _____ as a consequence of your drinking?	Injured Self	Injured Other	Did, Later Regretted	Forgot Where, What	Seriously Considered Suicide	Had Unprotected Sex	Got in Trouble With Police	Had Sex	
								Without Giving Consent	Without Getting Consent
Overall	16.1	2.4	36.8	36.8	0.9	17.3	5.0	1.7	0.5
Gender									
Males	18.1	3.2	37.7	37.3	0.9	20.1*	5.7	2.1	0.5
Females	14.2	1.6	36.0	36.3	0.8	14.6	4.4	1.4	0.3
Race									
White	17.8*	3.0*	41.0*	40.4*	1.1	18.6*	5.5	1.8	0.3
Other	10.2	0.4	22.2	24.3	0.4	12.8	3.3	1.5	0.7
Age									
18-19	20.3*	2.2*	40.4*	44.3*	0.4	15.9	8.2*	2.6*	1.1
20-21	21.6	3.2	42.2	44.7	1.1	17.1	6.3	1.3	0.2
22-23	16.7	4.1	41.7	41.4	1.0	22.2	2.0	3.6	0.5
24 or older	2.2	0.0	20.1	12.3	1.1	15.7	1.9	0.4	0.0
Residence									
On campus	16.0	2.6	32.8*	37.9	0.7	13.1*	5.9	2.6	0.9
Off campus	16.2	2.3	39.0	36.2	1.2	19.5	4.4	1.4	0.3
GPA									
A	12.0*	1.9	34.6	31.1*	0.7	14.0*	3.5	1.1	0.2
B	21.2	2.8	40.0	42.2	1.2	21.5	6.5	2.2	1.0
C or less	14.4	2.6	33.1	42.5	1.7	13.8	5.9	0.8	0.0
Member of Fraternity or Sorority									
YES	22.5*	2.3	41.5	53.8*	0.8	21.5	7.0	1.5	0.8
NO	15.5	2.5	36.5	34.9	1.0	16.8	4.9	1.8	0.5

* $p(\chi^2) < .05$



STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN
2010-2011 Academic Year

Presented on February 19, 2011

Sponsor: Jennora Walker- Saginaw Valley State University

A RESOLUTION TO: Authorize a Collective Statement of Support by the Student Association of Michigan for Medical Amnesty in the State of Michigan.

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Student Association of Michigan to stand for the collective basic rights and welfare of the college students; and

WHEREAS, medical amnesty for minors eliminates the threat of minors failing to check themselves into medical care for themselves or another individual because of the threat of an MIP (Minor in Possession); and

WHEREAS, medical amnesty for minors will decrease the risk of harm or death due to life-threatening alcohol intoxication; and

WHEREAS, due to the initiation of the new term for the Michigan State Legislature, a medical amnesty bill will have to be reintroduced and passed through the State House and State Senate and then proceed to be signed by the Governor of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Student Association of Michigan show strong support for this common sense legislation;

Now, therefore be it enacted by the member institutions of the Student Association of Michigan, for the betterment of the students it serves,

1. That the Student Association of Michigan authorize a statement of support for medical amnesty for minors in the State of Michigan; and
2. That the Student Association of Michigan authorizes subsequent lobbying efforts to further that statement of support.

